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**Successful U.S.-sponsored Community
Health Assistance Program finishes in El Alto**

After twelve days of hard work at the Air Base in the city of El Alto, a group of U.S. and Bolivian doctors and paramedics will conclude a successful program that provided medical attention free of charge. U.S. Ambassador David Greenlee and Bolivian Ministers and authorities will preside over the closing ceremony, to take place on Friday, January 30, at 3:00pm.

During a previous visit to the facilities where the program was taking place, Ambassador Greenlee said: "This shows that soldiers also have peacetime duties. It is an example of what the Armed Forces of both countries can do to serve the people." He also noted that the U.S. military team, headed by Dr. Colonel Karen Mathews was providing medical attention to approximately 600 persons per day in El Alto, and that the U.S. military doctors had learned many things from Bolivian doctors and traditional Bolivian medicine.

By the time the program officially concludes, approximately 6,000 people will have received free of charge medical attention, including services in the areas of ophthalmology, gynecology, pediatrics, dermatology, dental care and general medicine.